

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 7279

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY AMMAN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ATHENS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ANKARA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PPUS, PORS, CY

SUBJECT: ATTACK BY PALESTINIAN TERRORIST IN NICOSIA

REF NICOSIA 0451.

1. SITUATION AS OF 1700 HOURS: CYPRUS AIRWAYS BAC-111 DEPARTED  
CYPRUS APPROX 1645 HOURS LOCAL TIME WITHOUT PASSENGERS. AIRCRAFT  
REPORTEDLY ENROUTE BEIRUT TO PICK UP "A PLO LEADING FIGURE"  
TO ASSIST IN NEGOTIATIONS.

2. IT NOW ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO TERRORISTS.  
ONE BEARS KUWAIT PASSPORT; THE OTHER BEARS IRAQI PASSPORT. IN  
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SPITE OF THIS, GOC OFFICIALS STILL MAINTAIN THAT TERRORISTS  
ARE ERITREANS. MEANWHILE CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORPORATION  
QUOTING MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY STATED THAT ERITREAN LIBERATION  
FRONT REPRESENTATIVE IN DAMASCUS HAS COMPLETELY DENIED THAT THE  
TWO TERRORISTS ARE MEMBERS OF ELF.

3. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU HAS LEFT LARNACA POLICE STATION AND

ARRIVED AT AIRPORT.  
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